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**Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Approved Minutes
Monday, May 15, 2017
7:00pm
Probate Conference Room - First Floor
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville - Vernon, CT**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were members James Simon and Richard Clark. Jason Seacat was absent.

Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of minutes of April 17, 2017 meeting

Chairman Ryan Goad made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2017 as amended, correcting a spelling error. The motion was seconded by James Simon and passed unanimously.

B. Communications Received

- None

C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission Last Month

- Comments were sent to Inland Wetlands Commission regarding IWC-2017-01 on April 17, 2017

D. Organizational Considerations

- Copies of existing ordinances and sections from the Town Charter were given to Chairman Goad to review regarding the relationship and responsibilities of the Conservation Commission and Open Space Task Force. The Commission will discuss at the next meeting.

3. Open Space Program Update

Chairman Goad reported that he attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on April 20, 2017 with Ann Letendre, who was representing the Open Space Task Force, regarding the request to change the zoning classification of open space parcels from Residential Zone to Open Space Zone in accordance with the Town of Vernon Plan of Conservation and Development. The Planning and Zoning Commission has discussed the request and will put forth the initiative to be heard at a Public Hearing at their May 18, 2017 meeting. Administration

requested that any Town owned properties be omitted from this request at this time. The Public Hearing will be scheduled in July as the Capitol Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission has 30 days to review and comment on the request from the date of the scheduled Public Hearing.

Town Planner Marina Rodriguez commented that Ann Letendre contacted her asking her to share with the Commission that she has been informed that most of the funds appropriated to the Community Investment Act fund will be absorbed by the State of Connecticut to balance the budget.

4. New Business

A. Application Review and Comments

Application [IWC-2017-02] of Hyde Park LLC for a Modification to a Wetlands Re-designation at #14 Hyde Ave. (Assessor's ID: Map#46, Block #0071, Lot/Parcel #00019).

- The original application (IWC-2017-01) had two components; the re-designation and the wetlands permit. The applicant has chosen to split the applications and withdrew the wetlands permit application from the original application. The substance is the same with a revised map. The new revisions on the wetlands permit shows the parking area for residential, zoning block on coversheet, layout and number of buildings however still doesn't show the 25% of commercial space required for that zone.
- Commissioner Jim Simon visited the site and shared his findings and recommendations with the Commission.
- Discussion ensued

Chairman Ryan Goad made a motion that he will send Town Planner Marina Rodriguez an email recommending to the Inland Wetlands Commission that they be provided an overlay showing the differences between the previous mapping submission and the current mapping submission. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Natural Resources Update

Bolton Lakes Issues

- One June 1, 2017 at 7pm the Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance meeting will hold their meeting at the Tolland Agricultural Center (TAC) in Tolland and there will be a presentation by Michael Carlo on the use of drones in environmental surveys.

Future Activities

- Nothing discussed

5. Other Goals

- Nothing discussed

6. Adjournment

Chairman Ryan Goad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Minor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a stylized 'M'.

Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary